

REMARKS

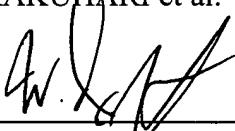
In response to the Examiner species Restriction Requirement of January 23, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Species II, drawn to the noise reduction apparatus of Figs. 16, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 25. Original claims 1-10 and newly added claims 15 and 16 all read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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